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INSTALLATION: Possible Missile Launching Site BRIEF NO.: B-10/58  
 LOCATION : 36 nm WNW of Semipalatinsk DATE : 4 February 1958  
 B.E. NUMBER : None LAT. : 50° 35' N  
 WAC NUMBER : 239 LONG. : 79° 23' E

## REMARKS:

A possible missile launching site under construction, located 36 nautical miles west-northwest of Semipalatinsk at 50°35'N, 79°23'E, appears on  25X1D

 It is situated on the newly constructed 43 nautical mile Semipalatinsk-Chagan rail line, described in HTA/B-3/58, which follows the south bank of the Irtysh River. Existing facilities and construction activity are centered around a rail spur and a section of graded roadbed which may be the initial construction for a second spur.

The existing spur doubles back into a "U" on the south side of the main rail line, away from the highway and river. On the far side of the "U" a second, smaller spur branches off the main spur at a point 2600 feet from the end. The main spur terminates in a small area of possible construction. An unidentified tower,  is located approximately 580 feet beyond the end of the main spur, but not aligned with it. A possible cable scar extends from this tower to the main rail line.

The graded section of roadbed, which branches off on the north side of the railroad, extends for approximately 7000 feet in a straight line. No tracks are present. Near the end of the right of way is another unidentified tower. A line drawn between this tower and the tower near the end of the existing spur line coincides with the alignment of the roadbed. This same line, projected 60 miles westward, would pass through the Semipalatinsk nuclear proving grounds.

It may be significant that no apparent security measures have so far been taken. Also lacking is a support area of any kind within a short distance of the site. Though Dolan Airfield, which is under construction approximately 10 nautical miles to the west, has a rail-served support area, there appears to be no relationship between it and the possible launching site.



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# PROBABLE MISSILE LAUNCHING SITE

36 nm WNW of Semipalatinsk

(line drawing from unrectified oblique photograph)

